

THE COUNTY AGITATION.

The opponents of a County Act cannot be fairly accused of antagonizing American principles. Counties are not American principles any more than Louisiana parishes are. They are conveniences of government made necessary where there are large populations or great areas; though in some large populations, like those of Greater New York and Washington, and in some great areas, like that of Alaska, they have either been eliminated or not introduced at all. In the Eastern States they were growths rather than creations; they came when people needed them and not before. And when they came to be useful, as was the case with New York, Kings, Queens, Richmond and part of Westchester counties in the Empire State, they are abolished.

The position of the Advertiser on this question is American to the core. This paper simply urges the old American way of not establishing counties until there is either population enough to need them and support them or the sure prospect of such a population. Congress, in framing the Organic Act was doubtful enough on the County question not to make such a form of government mandatory here. It did not say to Hawaiians as it might have done, You shall erect counties! but simply gave them permission to have such luxuries if they could afford them. Had there been any American principle involved, Congress would have acted as it did in the matter of the postal and customs revenues and given us counties wily-nilly. But perhaps Congress is "un-American" too.

Counties at the present time mean a greater burden than Hawaii can afford without corresponding benefits. They mean at least one-third increase of taxation; yet it is all the people can do to stand taxes as they are. Again, they increase the chances of official delinquency and of that the people have endured all they care to make good. But one fair argument is made for counties and this is that each separate district would have the use of its own funds, minus those deducted for the Territory as a whole. Honolulu might save by this because now it pays a part of the cost of administration on all the other islands; but it would lose by the general tax increase for purely local purposes. As for the rest of the group an equitable division of the tax money has already been proposed by Governor Carter and it can be made without county intervention. The promoters of County Government are chiefly politicians and their dupes; the opponents are the men who pay the bills. It ought to be possible for the taxpayers, especially as they are asked to meet the expenses of the coming campaign, to influence the conventions to go slow. In these times Hawaii cannot afford to take on new burdens. Eventually we must have counties; but a period of several years ought to elapse before anything is done.

LOOKING FORWARD.

When the War Department gets through with Honolulu this place will enter upon a new phase of its existence—that of a great fortress like Malta and St. Lucia. Things will be very different with us then socially and every other way. There will be many troops, a deal of gold braid, much of the pomp and circumstance of war and a large and permanent addition to the money-spending and consuming population. Inevitably the presence of the garrison will add to our tourist attractions, encourage farming—for a part of the military defensive plan must be to make Hawaii self-supporting—and keep the hotels lively the year around.

Counting in the naval station, the census of Honolulu should be increased by several thousand white men, women and children. It is calculated that a navy yard employing one thousand men, mechanics, etc., would build up a family and trading population of five or six thousand. The army garrison will be large and its wants will inevitably attract business men here and multiply industries. Malta, which is 17 1/2 miles long by 9 1/2 broad, contains a population of 160,000, exclusive of British troops and their families and there are 24,000 white people living off the garrison and not a part of it. One may see by this what a fortified island, though a small one, means to trade. Hawaii, as the American Malta to come should profit correspondingly.

Brighter days are ahead, fellow-citizens. It is not likely that the Japanese have captured Port Arthur, a fortress comparable in many respects to Gibraltar. A good army, well-led, ought to hold that place until it had been starved out. Should the Russians lose Port Arthur by assault, the Czar might as well propose peace, for the fact would prove that his army is good for nothing.

CLEANING OUT MOSQUITOES.

The case of the Anti-Mosquito Committee has been proven. Never in any other year since the stinging insects became a pest has there been so few of them as now. Formerly our only relief came when strong trade winds carried mosquitoes out to sea in swarms; but the relief was only temporary, for all the while myriads of these insects were being hatched. Science has now taken hold of the breeding places and shown every householder how he may protect himself and his neighbors by either killing the larvae with oil or drying up the places where they propagate. In proportion as the people have been careful and the authorities vigilant, the mosquito pest has been reduced or eliminated.

The part of the Anti-Mosquito Committee is to keep an eye on householders, show them what to do against mosquitoes and how to do it, to remove tin cans which may become insect nurseries, to drain stagnant places, use oil where necessary and encourage the use in ponds of larvae-eating fish.

All this costs money as paid inspectors have to be utilized. Subscriptions have been liberal in the past; let them be no less so in future. A little money invested in security from mosquitoes increases the comfort of residents and tourists alike and safeguards health. This city simply cannot afford to let the work of the Anti-Mosquito Committee lapse for lack of funds.

TOMORROW'S PAPER.

Venice, as described by Colonel Fitch, will be an attractive feature of the Sunday Advertiser. People who read the Fitch narratives—and they all do—look forward eagerly to the next instalment and are never disappointed. Whatever Colonel Fitch writes absorbs the interest and titillates the humor.

The usual Sunday story is by Chester Bailey Fernald, the California author, and is called "A Hard Road to Andy Coggins."

There will be considerable good poetry: "America," new words for the old air; "Excelsior," dedicated by Allan Dunn to the Manoa Golf Club; Waikiki by Frances K. Gillet; "Embattled Waikiki," a parody by The Bystander.

"How to Keep Cool," is good reading for the tropics—a short essay by J. H. Kellogg, M. D.

"Ocean Travelling," is an article which gives useful hints to people who venture abroad.

THE NAVAL SITUATION.

It is hard to understand the Japanese naval tactics except on the theory that every available ship, not guarding transports, is at work helping the army against Port Arthur and cannot spare time from that important work to chase the Vladivostok squadron.

Apparently no attempt has been made either to close the Tsugara straits or to patrol the approaches to Vladivostok. Else how could the captured Arabia have made the run from a point sixty miles off Yokohama to Vladivostok unscathed? She must have gone through the straits to reach her destination in the time given.

Attorney General Andrews, one of the best law officers Hawaii ever had, is not appreciated by the Bulletin. It is doubtful that he ever will be. There is but one way to get the undeviating support of the Bulletin and that is to embezzle public funds, do some graft in the Legislature or help get up a printing ring with the Gear organ as the beneficiary. As Mr. Andrews is not in this class of public officials, he will probably have to receive the disapprobation of the boodle organ for a long time to come—a distinction common to honest and capable men in Hawaiian politics.

The Republican party would make no mistake this year in giving Hilo the convention. The district of which Hilo is the center is politically doubtful and it needs the stirring up that a convention would give it. Converts are easily made among Hawaiians at great party gatherings. A sound political policy would be to take turns with Republican Territorial conventions between Honolulu, Hilo, Wailuku and Lihue, giving all the large voting districts a chance to get into touch with them.

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Maul Home Rulers in session at Wailuku voted down a proposition to fuse with the Democrats.

Judge Gear is detailed for hearing the cases at Hilo in which Judge Parsons is disqualified.

BARTON RETURNS.

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are students in the Institute. Once a year the professor heads an exploration party into some mountainous section of the country, and the present trip is the longest they have yet undertaken. Prof. Barton said last evening at the Hawaiian Hotel: "We have a summer school known as the Teachers' School of Science in Boston where I give instruction to teachers during the winter, spring and autumn. During the summer we take trips somewhere, but this is the first time a party of us has travelled such a long distance to seek the knowledge we desire. We are here to see volcanic action if possible. We are going to study first the oldest of the extinct volcanoes which are on the island of Oahu, then we will go to Maui to study Haleakala, which is not so old a crater as those on Oahu, and then we will take in Kilauea and possibly Mauna Loa to witness a living volcano. Of course I know all these thoroughly.

"I believe the volcanoes of the Hawaiian Islands are the best to study, because they are of various ages and are in close proximity.

"Our researches have taken us to Nova Scotia for general geological work. We have also been across the continent to the Yellowstone Park and the Canadian Rockies."

Prof. Barton was born at Sudbury, Mass., July 8, 1852, and lived there on a farm until twenty-one years of age. He studied at the Warren Scientific Academy at Worburn, Mass., from 1874 to 1876, and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1880.

In 1881 and 1882 he was an assistant on the Hawaiian government survey. He holds the chair of biology in the Boston University, and has been an assistant in United States geological work. As head of the Institute of Technology at Boston he exercises a wide scientific influence.

In 1896 Prof. Barton accompanied Lieut. Peary on his sixth expedition into the Arctic regions, and left the party about half way on that journey. He remained in Greenland some time collecting geological data, taking many photographs, from which he has made a large number of valuable lantern slides. It is possible that Prof. Barton may be induced to deliver a lecture here on his Arctic travels as he has the slides with him.

He is a member of the Boston Society of Natural History, National Geological Society, Geological Society of America, Boston Scientific Society, Arctic Club, National Forestry Association, Massachusetts Forestry Association, president of the Appalachian Mountain Club. He is the author of "Outline of Elementary Lithology," "Structural Geology" and other scientific treatises.

RIOT WAS SERIOUS.

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bars, hoes, clubs, and every sort of weapon. In ransacking the place they rifled a trunk of \$842.60. This money has passed through a number of different hands since the fight occurred but the police discovered that two men brought the money to Honolulu yesterday and then returned to Wailuku. Deputy Sheriff Cox arrested these two men at Wailuku and they will be brought to Honolulu today.

Two of the Chinese brought in last night were so seriously hurt that they had to be taken to the Queen's Hospital. Chung Sung had been shot through the left breast, the bullet emerging from his back. The other Chinese had been shot through the right leg.

The remaining seven are at the police station. They also have all been wounded. Their injuries are of many descriptions, one man having a broken arm another a broken finger, and all being more or less bruised up.

As evidence Chillingworth has a sack filled with crowbars and other weapons used in making the attack.

Chillingworth found it hard to secure information from either the attacking party or its victims, but in various ways he was enabled to secure enough to make the nine arrests. One man admits having broken open the trunk which contained the \$842.60.

The Mails.

Mails are due from the following points as follows:

- San Francisco—Per Sonoma, August 3
 - San Francisco—Per Mongolia, Aug. 4
 - Yokohama—Per Doric, July 31
 - Sydney—Per Ventura, Aug. 2
- Mails will depart as follows:
- San Francisco—Per Doric, July 31
 - Yokohama—Per Mongolia, Aug. 2
 - Victoria—Per Manuka, Aug. 24
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